

## "The 'Jim Crow' Car" Poem, September 15, 1900

THE "JIM CROW" CAR.

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This too is done to crush me,  
But naught can keep us back;  
'My place,' forsooth, a section  
'Twixt' smoker, front and back,  
While others ride in coaches  
Full large and filled with light,  
And this our Southern Christians  
Insist is just and right

There Yellow man from China,  
And Red man from the plain,  
Are seated with the White man,  
But I could not remain.  
However clean my person,  
My linen and my life,  
They snarl: "Your k-yar ahead, Jim,  
Go thar and take, your wife."

We're singled out from the others,  
A mark for shafts of scorn,  
Here huddled, like tamed cattle,  
From early night till morn;  
The golden rule's rejected,  
Who cares for such a thing?  
Do they whose prejudice o'er race  
Inflict this bitter sting?

This insult almost kills me —  
God, help me bear the wrong, Well, mine's the story of the weak  
Who falls before the strong;  
Who fall--to rise in triumph,  
When God his sword shall gird.  
And the proudest evil doer  
Shall tremble at His word.